

## House Resolution No. 2476

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Dr. Katie Harper Wright, who will be honored during the annual Salute to Women in Leadership luncheon to take place on May 9, 2008, a collaborative event between the City of St. Louis, the Office of the License Collector, and the Vashon/Jeff VanderLou Initiative; and

**Whereas**, the Salute to Women in Leadership awards are given to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in the St. Louis area; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Wright, who will receive the Lifetime Achievement Leadership Award, is an educator, writer, and consultant working in special and general education and personal development; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Wright, a writer for the St. Louis Argus newspaper in East St. Louis, Illinois, has enjoyed a long-term career in education and special education, and she earned her bachelor of arts in history and master of education in special education from the University of Illinois and doctor of education in special education from Saint Louis University; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Wright has dedicated the majority of her professional life to students with disabilities, serving as an elementary school and special education teacher, a learning specialist at Saint Louis University, and a professor of education focusing on the training of special education teachers; and

**Whereas**, an adjunct professor emeritus at Harris-Stowe State University, Dr. Wright served as an interim and assistant superintendent of schools in Illinois District 189, and during that time, she established new programs for children with learning disabilities and emotional handicaps and for gifted children with disabilities and established Project SHIPS; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Wright is a member of three academic honor societies and Mensa, and she is a member of President George W. Bush's Commission on Excellence in Special Education and serves on the Illinois Department of Corrections School Board:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and admiration for the personal and professional accomplishments of Dr. Wright; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Katie Harper Wright, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard  
District No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2476, adopted April 30, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker